

Claims:

1. A composition suitable for use in a cleaning or washing process, said composition including at least one aqueous sensitive component and a non-aqueous carrier component for stabilising said aqueous sensitive component, characterised in that said non-aqueous carrier component includes a mineral oil and a gelling agent.
2. A composition according to claim 1 characterised in that the aqueous sensitive component is substantially homogeneous with the non-aqueous carrier component.
3. A composition according to claim 1 characterised in that said composition includes an emulsifying agent for emulsifying the mineral oil.
4. A composition according to claim 3 characterised in that the emulsifying agent is or includes a surfactant.
5. A composition according to claim 3 characterised in that the emulsifying agent is provided in an amount between 1-10% in the composition.
6. A composition according to claim 1 characterised in that the composition is locatable in a single compartment of an aqueous sensitive device.
7. A composition according to claim 6 characterised in that the aqueous sensitive device is an aqueous soluble sachet.
8. A composition according to claim 1 characterised in that in that the aqueous sensitive component is or includes a bleaching agent.

9. A composition according to claim 8 characterised in that the bleaching agent is a halogen based bleaching agent.
10. A composition according to claim 8 characterised in that the bleaching agent includes any or any combination of sodium percarbonate, dichlorocyanurate, bromohydantoin or tetracetylene diamine.
11. A composition according to claim 8 characterised in that the composition includes a bleach activator for activating said bleaching agent when mixed with an aqueous solution.
12. A composition according to claim 1 characterised in that the aqueous sensitive component is or includes an enzyme.
13. A composition according to claim 1 characterised in that the gelling agent is provided in an amount between 1-10% of the composition.
14. A composition according to claim 1 characterised in that the gelling agent is a tertiary amide terminated polyamide or hydrocarbon -terminated polyether-polyamide block copolymer.
15. A composition according to claim 1 characterised in that the composition includes any or any combination of one or more detergent builders, polymeric anti-filming agents, polymeric anti-spotting agents, fragrance components, inert fillers, water softeners, detergents, pigments, dyes or optical brighteners and enzymes.

16. A composition according to claim 1 characterised in that the mineral oil is C₂₀-C₂₈ paraffin.
17. A composition according to claim 1 characterised in that the gelling agent is substantially soluble in the mineral oil.
18. A device for containing a composition as defined in claim 1.
19. A device according to claim 18 characterised in that the device is an aqueous sensitive device.
20. A water soluble sachet, said sachet containing a composition suitable for use in a cleaning or washing process, said composition contained in a single compartment in said water soluble sachet, said composition including at least one bleaching agent, one or more bleach activating agents and a non-aqueous carrier component for stabilising said bleaching agent, characterised in that said non-aqueous carrier component includes a mineral oil and a gelling agent substantially soluble in said mineral oil.
21. A water soluble sachet according to claim 20 characterised in that one or more enzymes are contained in the composition and/or sachet.
22. A method of manufacturing a composition according to claim 1, characterised in that said method includes the steps of mixing the mineral oil and the gelling agent together at a temperature at or above the melting point of the gelling agent until the gelling agent substantially

dissolves in the mineral oil to form a substantially homogenous mixture.

23. A method according to claim 22 characterised in that the composition is cooled to a pre-determined temperature whereupon one or more water softener components and/or chelating agents are added to the composition.
24. A method according to claim 22 characterised in that the temperature is 40°C or below.
25. A method according to claim 22 characterised in that one or more bleaching agents and/or bleach activators and are then added to the composition.
26. A method according to claim 22 characterised in that one or more bleaching agents, bleach activators and/or enzymes are then added to the composition.